

## FEDERAL AGENTS AND LOCAL POLICE WEAVE NET OF EVIDENCE ABOUT MAN HELD AS SPY

### APPEAL TO GOMPERS TO STOP STRIKES ON COAST WHICH ARE DELAYING GOVERNMENT WORK

Chairman Hurley, of Shipping Board, Asks Intervention by Head of American Federation of Labor—Federal Mediators Surveying Situation.

Officials Fear Strike Will Spread to Mills Producing Lumber for Ship Building—Armed U. S. Marines Guard Plant of Union Iron Works.

Washington, Sept. 18.—Chairman Hurley of the shipping board today appealed to President Gompers of the American Federation of Labor, to stop the strikes which are holding up government ship-building on the Pacific coast.

A conference will be held today between Mr. Hurley and Mr. Gompers. Chairman Hurley also conferred today with Secretary Daniels on the navy's settlement of wage demands in government shipyards.

Secretary Wilson has telegraphed W. T. Boyce, assistant commissioner of immigration at San Francisco, to tender his office as mediator or conciliator in the strike of iron workers and shipbuilders there.

Mr. Boyce has been instructed to keep in close touch with developments and to advise the department of labor here promptly concerning them.

Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, has an engagement to confer with President Wilson late today.

Extension of the strike to mills producing lumber for government ships is feared by shipping board officials. From Portland and Astoria, Ore., came reports that striking carpenters were trying to persuade other workmen to walk out and that lumber mills might be affected.

The government marked time today in efforts to settle the strikes at San Francisco and other coast cities pending the arrival Wednesday or Thursday of officials of a Seattle company which has granted a high wage scale.

Conciliator William Blackmon, of the department of labor, has studied the demands of the men but will take no other action for several days. The shipping board is awaiting complete reports of the San Francisco situation from Captain A. R. Pillsbury, district officer of the board for the Pacific coast.

Shipping board officials favor a substantial wage increase with a sliding scale for government participation. The proportion of wage raises to be paid by the government should depend, Chairman Hurley of the board believes, on the profits of shipbuilders. Some officials have urged that the government pay 50 per cent. of the increase for companies making ten per cent. profit or less, and require profits of more than that amount to go into the wage grants.

San Francisco, Sept. 18.—Two companies of United States marines were on guard duty here today at the plant of the Union Iron Works, largest of the concerns involved in the strike of approximately 25,000 mechanics affiliated with the San Francisco iron trades council. The walkout of the workmen followed failure of the em-

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**May Appeal After Arriving At Camp Devans, New Order**

Ayer, Mass., Sept. 18.—Members of the New England drafted army at Camp Devans whose exemption claims were denied by appeal boards will be given an opportunity to present evidence in support of their contention that they should be relieved of military duty, under an order issued by Major Gen. Harry F. Hodges today.

### GERMANY MAY ABANDON ALL CLAIM TO BELGIUM; TEUTON DECISION IN CONFORMITY WITH ENGLISH VIEWS

Amsterdam, Sept. 18.—In connection with the report published in the Tages Zeitung that Germany had decided to abandon all claims to Belgium, the Koelnische Volks Zeitung says:

"We, too, have received similar information, from which it may be concluded that last week a decision about Belgium was reached in conformity with the English views."

Mathias Erzberger, clerical center member of the Reichstag, speaking at Biberach on Sunday, said:

"The foundation of peace must be no conquests of any kind. We are advancing with long strides towards such a peace—peace built upon the basis of the reichstag peace resolution."

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### CITY CONDEMNS TWO BUILDINGS IN MAIN STREET

Frame Structures Ordered Placed in Repair or Torn Down, for Safety.

SKYSCRAPER WILL SUPPLANT STORES

Building Inspector Declares Property Is In Dangerous Condition.

Lapides & Feuer, owners of two frame buildings at Bank and Main streets, received notice today from the city clerk's office that the structures must be placed in a state of repair approved by the building inspector, or torn down.

At the meeting of the common council last night, a report of the miscellaneous committee was approved, in which it was recommended that the structures in question be condemned if they were not placed in a state of repair. The report followed investigation of the "bulging" inspector, and the fire commissioners.

On the ground that the present condition of the buildings is dangerous to the public, Lapides & Feuer are ordered to comply with the committee's recommendation. In the event that they do not, the city will endeavor to repair the buildings so that they will be safe, or if this is impossible, tear them down.

Lapides & Feuer are laying the foundations for a nine-story building at Main and Bank streets. On the site are structures occupied by Moran, the florist, and the Rogers Clothing Co. These are said to have long-term leases which they will not surrender, and as the contract for the new building was let, the old buildings were swung on piles while work was instituted below making the foundation for their successors.

### FRANCE FIRM IN RESOLVE TO GAIN BACK TERRITORY

Will Fight Until Return of Alsace and Lorraine Is Assured.

Paris, Sept. 18.—The French ministerial declaration was read by Prof. Paul Painleve, the new premier, in the chamber of deputies this afternoon. It reaffirms the determination of France to continue the war until the disannexation of Alsace and Lorraine from Germany is assured, along with the reparation for the damages caused by the Germans.

Premier Painleve drafted a ministerial declaration this afternoon and will submit it to his colleagues in the new cabinet tomorrow morning. The declaration is relatively brief, merely putting in relief the basic principles by which the government will be guided in its conduct of affairs.

In the first place the declaration declares the resolution of the government to pursue a "vigorous republican and social policy." The French democracy, it contends, has shown itself worthy of confidence. Its leaders have had such confidence, it is pointed out, and the absence of a representative of the socialist party in the present cabinet could not and must not be interpreted as involving in any way a diminution of that confidence.

While carrying out its declared policy, continues the declaration, the government will endeavor to give the country proper guarantees that justice will be strictly administered.

As regards the conduct of the war, the declaration expresses the resolve of the government to impart to this phase of its duties a greater impetus every day. It attaches the greatest importance to the intensification of the manufacture of material for war purposes, close collaboration between the allies and the pursuit of a more methodical diplomatic policy.

**Italians Hold All Advantages**

Rome, Sept. 18.—An official statement issued today by the Italian war office says:

"In the southeastern area of the Balkan plateau further enemy counter attacks were promptly repulsed. In the Carso there were brisk artillery duels and a frequent harassing fire."

**Patrol Encounters In the Ypres Sector**

London, Sept. 18.—Field Marshal Haig today, reporting field operations last night on the battle front in France and Belgium, says:

"Beyond patrol encounters in the Ypres sector, in which we secured a few prisoners, there was nothing of special interest to report."

### BURGLAR GETS HEAVY TERM IN STATE PRISON

To Serve Not More Than 15 Nor Less Than Nine Years.

ENTERED WESTPORT RESIDENT'S HOUSE

Nine Terms in Sing Sing Stands Against Record of Prisoner.

For burglarizing the home of a Westport resident, John J. Delaney, a New York criminal who has served nine terms in Sing Sing, was sentenced to state prison for not more than 15 and not less than nine years by Judge Burpee in the criminal superior court this afternoon.

Delaney is a desperate looking character who admits he is 50 years of age. It is said 24 of those years have been spent in prison.

He was arrested in Westport June 14 last after he had fled from the Hanford home. Hanford heard Delaney moving about on the night of the crime and taking a revolver, went to see what the trouble was. Delaney suddenly confronted Hanford and by thrusting a flashlight before Hanford's face, blinded the latter temporarily so that the burglar was able to seize the revolver. Then he pointed the weapon at Hanford and backed out of the house. Prosecutor Harry E. Sherwood of Westport and Deputy Sheriff Perry pursued Delaney and caught him as he was riding in a trolley car bound for this city.

Of the 36 prisoners placed in charge of Public Defender DeForest, Delaney is the only one so far this term to get a state's prison sentence.

### PROFESSOR WELD QUILTS YALE FOR BUSINESS WORLD

Mrs. Harriman's Gift of \$100,000 Is Largest Recorded in Year.

New Haven, Sept. 18.—Gifts to the university since commencement of \$362,393.05 were announced at Yale today. The largest was \$100,000 from Mrs. Edward H. Harriman for the medical school. Another gift was that of \$50,000 from Charles E. Brooker, of Ansonia, for the medical school.

The resignation of Professor Louis D. H. Weld, who held the chair of business administration, was announced. Prof. Weld goes to a business house in Chicago.

A resolution was adopted by the Yale corporation yesterday thanking the president and fellows of Harvard university for privileges extended to Yale men at the summer military camp at Cambridge, and made public today. It follows:

"Voted, to extend the thanks of Yale university to the president and fellows of Harvard university for the privileges extended to about 90 Yale undergraduates at the summer military camp at Cambridge, and to assure the Harvard authorities that their generous courtesy in this matter is highly appreciated."

**Regrets Given; But Explanation Reserved**

Stockholm, Sept. 18.—The German minister to Sweden today formally expressed to the Swedish government Germany's regrets, in consequence of the Swedish-Argentinian telegram affair.

The German minister is understood to have reserved explanations regarding the telegrams sent by the German minister at Buenos Aires through the Swedish legation until the report from Count von Luxburg has been received.

**WANT SAFE CONDUCT FOR COUNT LUXBURG.**

Buenos Aires, Sept. 18.—In private words it was learned by the Associated press today that the Argentine government has asked Spain to obtain from the American and British governments a safe conduct for Count von Luxburg, the German minister here who recently was given his passport. The count is to leave Argentina for Spain on a Spanish vessel, and it was said the Spanish ambassador has asked the Madrid government to initiate negotiations to this end.

The course taken by the Argentine foreign office is not in accordance with diplomatic usage, but this government, it is understood wishes to escape the necessity of extending to the expelled German minister the usual courtesies.

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### DROWN'S IN RIVER AFTER TRYING TO EXCHANGE BOATS

Fell Into Water While Attempting to Step From Dory Into Canoe.

A rescue boat manned by Charles Weiner, a boy living at 90 River street, arrived a few seconds too late to save the life of James Westwood, 59 years, of 131 Parallel street, who fell into the waters of the Pequonnock river at 1 o'clock today while stepping from a boat into a canoe.

As the rowboat pulled by the Weiner boy was within striking distance of the exhausted Westwood, the latter slipped as he was stepping from the boat into the water, falling to the bottom. The police are now dragging the river bed in five rowboats with grappling irons to recover the body. Two sons of the dead man are assisting them.

The only witness of the accident, the Weiner youth, told the police that he observed Westwood trying to climb from a boat moored in the river in the rear of 590 Washington avenue, about 1 o'clock. His foot slipped as he placed one foot in the canoe. The canoe tipped over and Westwood was thrown into the water.

Attired in his full street clothes Westwood, despite his handicap was apparently able to swim and keep afloat. He evidently lost his presence of mind, however, and seemed to swim in circles for about two minutes. Weiner jumped into a rowboat and pulled as hard as he could for the spot where Westwood was struggling.

A few more strokes and he would have reached the victim. Turning about to obtain a view of the struggling man the boy saw Westwood throw up his hands and sink. Weiner notified the police. With two sons of the drowned man he obtained four rowboats and they started grappling for the body. It had not been recovered at press hour.

**KAISER NOW COMES FORWARD WITH OFFER FOR 1ST U. S. SOLDIER**

Paris, Sept. 18.—The American headquarters staff in France has just been informed by the French authorities that Emperor William has promised a prize of 300 marks and three weeks leave to the first German who captures an American soldier. This information came from a German prisoner recently taken, who declared that the offer was contained in an order issued throughout the army.

A despatch telegraphed from the British headquarters in France and Belgium on Sept. 15 said that the German general commanding the eleventh reserve division had promised to the man who brought in his head, the first American, dead or alive, the iron cross of the first class, 400 marks and two weeks leave. That this offer had been made was disclosed by the diary of a captured Prussian sergeant of the 23rd reserve infantry regiment.

### Friend and Roommate of Alien Suspected of Being Implicated in Plot Reveals to Detectives that Manza-mares Was Near Black Tom Island Day After Great Explosion—Came to Exonerate Prisoner But Succeeded in Increasing Facts Incriminating Him.

Arguillis Manzameres, held on suspicion that he was implicated in a plot to destroy Bridgeport munition factories, was in the vicinity of Black Tom Island, the day following the explosion which cost many lives.

### Mrs. Hale To Be Charged With Sedition

Hartford Judge Refuses to Try Anti-War Agitator for Breach of Peace—Turns Case Over to Federal Authorities for Prosecution.

Hartford, Sept. 19.—"Breach of the peace, it seems to me, is too small a peg to hang this case on. Either it is sedition or it is not sedition, and therefore a matter for the federal authorities to handle. I continue the case until to-morrow morning, so that the prosecuting attorney may collect and hand over what evidence he pleases to the district attorney."

With these words, closing the trial session in police court this morning in the case of the city against Mrs. Annie Riley Hale, the anti-war agitator, and Alfred E. Whitehead, who presided over a meeting in Socialist hall, Sunday afternoon, at which she spoke, Judge Edwin C. Dickinson put the matter up to the federal authorities.

Mrs. Hale and Mr. Whitehead were brought into the courtroom from the corridor at 11 o'clock, two hours after the opening of the morning court session. They stood in the dock together. Whitehead pleaded not guilty to the charge of having committed a breach of the peace. Mrs. Hale was not so ready to answer the formal question.

"If I understand what breach of the peace means, not guilty," said Mrs. Hale. Then both of the accused seats with their attorney, Harry Edlin of New Haven, at the attorney's table.

Mahlon H. Moyer, a stenographer of more than thirty years experience, was called as the first witness for the prosecution. He produced a typewritten transcript of the notes he had taken at the meeting, which included all that was said by Chairman Whitehead and by Mrs. Hale up to the point where the meeting was stopped by the police, and testified that it was a true transcript.

Attorney for the defense immediately objected, stating that Mrs. Hale was not prepared for a defense against the charge of sedition, which might be produced in the evidence as "abusive language."

Prosecuting Attorney Creedon said that passages would be read from the transcript to which exception had been taken by people present at the meeting tending to the creation of a disturbance. The objection of the defense was overruled. Moyer then read an excerpt concerning the fact that President Wilson has no sons to risk in the war. Attorney for the defense paid strict attention.

"May I inquire if you have a copy of that?" asked Edlin.

"No, sir, we have not," answered Creedon. Another passage was read. "May I see the transcript for the purpose of raising an objection?"

"Certainly," said the prosecuting attorney, handing over the book. It was examined with interest by Edlin and his clients and presently was returned to the prosecutor. Again Moyer took the book and read three passages, finishing with the last paragraph Mrs. Hale had spoken before her speech was stopped.

**Spain Increases Military Fortes**

Madrid, Sept. 18.—At a cabinet meeting held last night it was decided to create two new regiments of field artillery, seven battalions of garrison artillery and seven battalions of heavy artillery. It was also decided to appoint a special committee to draw a plan for industrial mobilization from a military point of view. Premier Dato explained that these reforms were not undertaken in any militaristic spirit, but simply was a part of an army reorganization scheme.

**NORWEGIAN STEAMER SUNK BY GERMAN SUB**

Christiania, Norway, Sept. 15.—The Norwegian foreign office announced today that the Norwegian steamship Askblad, of 2,823 tons gross, had been sunk by a German submarine. One boat with seven men were lost and the captain and ten men were saved. It also was announced that the Norwegian steamship Rein, of 1,175 tons gross, had been sunk by a German submarine off Cape St. Vincent. Ten men lost their lives.

### THOUSANDS DIE OF TYPHUS AT TEUTON PRISON CAMPS

Paris, Sept. 18.—Albert Champlain, a French soldier who, on his third attempt, has just escaped from Germany, brings the information, according to the Paris edition of the New York Herald, that 3,700 French and British soldiers and 1,500 Russians have died of typhus at the German concentration camp at Cassel, 90 miles northeast of Frankfurt-on-the-Main.

**THE WEATHER**

For Connecticut: Fair tonight and Wednesday; diminishing west winds on the coast; little change in temperature.